

Group I. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 10, drawn to a read-only recording medium having a first data type and a second data type, wherein a size of the first and second data types is equal to that of a predetermined data unit for a writable recording medium, classified in class 369, subclass 275.3.

Group II. Claim 11, drawn to a read-only recording medium comprising at least one waste area having invalid data, the waste area located at a predetermined interval between first data units, the first data units including at least one ECC unit, classified in class 369, subclass 53.35.

Group III. Claims 12-18, drawn to a reproduction device comprising a controller for checking a presence of invalid data from a plurality of waste areas and controlling a signal processor to output a first data unit before and after invalid data while excluding the invalid data, classified in class 369, subclass 275.1.

In response to the Examiner's further election requirement, the applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to non-elected claims.


In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims, as amended, are in condition for reconsideration on merits. Examination of the application, as amended, is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (213) 623-2221 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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